

## Habit of Happiness.

Many times you run upon some of your pet thoughts put into words by the other fellow and exclaim "them's my sentiments" with sincere enthusiasm. Nowhere have we found a clipping that fits our feeling or the policy of The Hummer better than the following from an unknown exchange thru Kellogg's Squar Dealer:

"No matter what his vocation or condition in life may be, every man owes it to himself and to the world to form the habit of being just as happy as he can. Happiness means harmony, and harmony means health and efficiency.

Much natural ability is rendered inefficient because men do not realize that discord, whether in fear, worry, selfishness, hatred or jealousy, is a health and happiness killer; and efficiency blighter. Many men waste more vitality and mental energy in a few minutes of hot temper than would be required in the legitimate running of their business for days.

Happiness is a great stimulator of growth. Nothing grows when discordant. When we shall have learned how to conserve our energies by getting our minds into harmony, even the hardest day's work will not tire us. It is nerve exhaustion, wasted energy thru unnatural, discordant conditions, that makes us jaded and tired out—the result of friction in our machinery. If we could keep ourselves in a happy condition all day, we should be fresh at night. It is by keeping ourselves in perfect harmony that we become more efficient and get the most out of life."

(Many of our readers keep scrap-books, and the above we believe will fit nicely somewhere in its inspired pages. We wish that every paper in the state would use it as a leader on their editorial page.)

## Opportunity Offerings.

By the kindness of one of our happy readers we publish the following well written article clipped from a scrap-book:

"Opportunity not only knocks at your door but is playing an anv'l chorus on every man's door, and they lays for the owner around the corner with a club. The world is in need of men who can do things. Indeed, cases can easily be recalled by every one where opportunity actually smashed in the door and collared her candidate and dragged him forth to success. These cases are exceptional, usually you have to meet opportunity half way. But the only place where you can get away from opportunity is to lie down and die. Opportunity does not trouble dead men, or dead ones who flatter themselves that they are alive. Let no man repine on account of lack of early advantages. Rare-ripes run away from advantages—they cannot digest them. "If I had my say I would set all the young folks to work and send the old ones to school," said Socrates four hundred and twenty years before Christ.

What Socrates meant was that after you have battled a bit with actual life and begun to feel your need for education, you are for the first time ready to take advantage of your opportunities and learn.

Education is a matter of desire. An education cannot be imparted, it has to be won; and you win by working. And the benefit lies in the work—in the exercise. The only way to make a muscle strong is to use it. If you want a strong, well developed body you can get it in only one way, that is by exercising your body.

And in passing it is well enough to state the truth that the best developed men are those who get their exercise in their work.

And this fact, also, holds; the best educated men are those who get their brain development out of their work, or at the same time they are doing the work. Quitting work in order to get an education was the idea of a monk who fled from the world because he thought the world was bad, an idea we have happily outgrown. The man who exercises his sky-piece at the same time he does his hands is a sure winner. When you are engaged in actual, useful effort—no matter what—you will see plenty of chances to make use of all the phosphorus you possess. You keep ideas by using them; you hold your education by giving it away. It takes work to get an education, it takes work to use it and it takes work to keep it.

Those who want to grow and evolve should not give too much time to the latest trashy literature. Don't spread yourself out thin. Concentrate on a few things; the very best educated men do not know everything! Choose what you want to be and get at it. You'll win! It will look discouraging after your first fine burst of enthusiasm; and there is just where you will have to bring your will to bear. Keep at it—don't lose your nerve—if you quit it simply shows that you did not want an education, you only thought you did—you are not willing to pay the price."

## The Turner Barber Shop

North Side of Square. elicits a Liberal Share of your Patronage and Best of Service at Old Time

Prices. Hot and Cold Baths.

J. J. Turner, Proprietor

## A Good Word for the Farmer.

The Corinthian hits it just right in the following editorial.

For generations thruout the civilized world the farmer has been regarded simply as a farmer—nothing more.

He has been classed as a farmer—rated as a farmer—treated as farmer, and all because there are none so blind as those who will not see.

But all of that has changed today.

The farmer has come into his own and stands before the world in the twentieth century as the most solid, substantial and reliable people on the face of the globe.

He is a man of business—of tremendous business—the one man without whom the people of the world would cease to exist.

Men go out to the great cities, and many of them rise, and fall, and are heard from no more.

But the farmer moves steadily onward, and upward, always to better and greater things.

He is our new man of business—our greatest man of business—the man whom all the world depends for the vital sustenance of life.

## How to Feel Good.

By telepathic permission from the snappy Corinthian we adopt a few sentences found in their last issue. Thanks—they run in this wise with slight changes and additions:

Work, and keep on working, and make act count for something higher and better. It leaves a jolly feel.

Save your money, and keep on saving until you have enough to LIVE thru life. That too, is some happy feel.

Be kind and gentle, and considerate to the members of your family. The knowledge that you are making them happy will cause you to feel a happier feel than ever.

Give the little ones a smile and a pat when you meet them, and their expressive faces will glow in your happy heart.

Speak gently of your neighbor and forgive his faults—spread the gospel of loyalty to home and home people on all occasions and at all places—be humane in your handling of dumb brutes and their eyes will speak the gratitude they feel—lift up the fallen and assist them to tread the path of a better life. Do even half of these and enjoy life in the living.

## The New Day.

Mister Bill Stinger in his peppery and quaint little magazine "stung" gets off some good things that we just can't help passing along. Here is a sample, not as good as some, but good enough for several big THINKS:

"A New Day has dawn. The golden era of the golden brick has passed. Uncle Hiram has cut off his whiskers and cut out the confiding credulity which made him an easy mark for every smooth grafter. He has bought an automobile and acquired some speed himself. No longer is it possible to take a gilded brass brick a gimlet, some acid and a sick prospector to the rural district of New York City and pick up a small size fortune. Honesty actually seems to be coming into fashion although there are still some people who figure that it is safest to do the other fellow first. Even the belief that in order to sell a merchant a bill of goods you must first get him drunk, is fast giving way to the proven fact that booze and efficiency are tee-total strangers. Nowadays we don't measure a man's ability as a salesman by the capacity of his tank. It used to be thought that statements which would be called plain lies in any other place were entitled to a softer interpretation when printed in an ad. Nowadays a lie is a lie even if you pay a good stiff price for space in which to print it.

The world is growing better in spite of the store-box croakers, and even if the cost of living has gone up. Any way, what if it does cost more to live, it's worth more. (Amen, says us.) We have always said that honesty is the best policy but we hardly believed that it would pay to practice in business. Now we have proven that honesty pays a much better return than trickery and is a thousand times more safe and satisfactory investment.

Even the real estate men are flirting with the truth. They have found that a man sticks better if you give him the straight facts about a subdivision right at the start. The idea that to succeed in business you must be able to fool most of the people most of the time has been demonstrated to be all bunk. The people are getting wiser every day and they know when they are getting a hundred cents for a dollar. You have to show Mr. Buyer these days. Educational publicity is the stuff to put grafters on the blink. So turn on the white light of truth and keep it shining."

Brothers stick close—but look at fashion.

Thousands know how to pick cotton—millions know how to pick flaws.

Be hopeful if you can—if possible—don't pass the grouch on.

During the two elections a few economical truth sprained their imaginations and broke their vocal chords.

## "Stop Yer Kicking"

From the very original and snappy Kellogg's Square Dealer we give you the following timely poem:

Stop yer kickin bout the times;  
Get a hustle on you;  
Skirmish round and grab the dimes  
Ef the dollars shun you.  
Croakin never bought a dress,  
Growlin isn't in it;  
Fix yer creepers on success,  
Then go in to win it.  
Times is getting good again—  
Try to help them all you kin.  
Don't go round with hangin lip,  
That is sure to floor you;  
Try to get a better grip  
On the work before you.  
Put some ginger on your words  
When you greet a neighbor;  
Throw your troubles to the birds,  
Get right down to labor.  
An you'll notice every day  
Things are coming right your way.  
Stop yer kicking, get a hold  
Of the wheel and turn it;  
You can never handle gold  
Less you try to earn it.  
Brush the cobwebs from your eyes,  
Stop your dinged repinnin,  
An you'll notice that yer skies  
Will always be er shinin.  
If you haven't the nerve to try,  
Sneak away somewhere and die.

## Think'um Over.

Kindness goes a long ways—selfish people get lost some.

Don't judge people by their kindfolks—they can't help it.

Ancestors don't spell ham and eggs—You are the man right NOW.

Everybody is ready to share the proffit but few the expense.

Observe much—listen well—talk little—be friendly—be cheerful.

Laugh much—sing much—be happy—be ready—smile heaps.

Some other time won't do—do it now. Keep plugging—you'll win.

A tombstone can stand upright—but then lie face.

Keep kicking—Something will turn up—and no toes.

Don't start in life at the big end of the horn. Y Attend to your own business and the other felk

will take care of itself.

Be courteous—speak a good word often. Keep troubles to yourself.

Money makes a noise and also puts dozens of nut-heads in high society.

Sometimes rotted hearts beat under the silkiest clothes Be generous with praise—it helps the right kind of people.

When you promise—always deliver the goods.

—Clipped from our scrap-book.

## Quit Your Grumblin'

We just can't help from printing the following jingle found few days ago in "Stung."

"Quit your kickin', old man, it's not any use

To fight Mister Trouble with jaw-bone abuse.

If you want to succeed it's not any way

To go round kickin' and wasting you day.

If you can't make the hill a-runnin' on high,

Just throw her in low, and never say die.

The first in the start may finish in the last,

So keep on a-pluggin'; don't hurry too fast.

Keep smilin'; don't worry, you'll make it all right

If you just keep a-tryin' with all of your might.

Don't waste your time kickin', but throw off your coat

And dig in and root, like an Arkansaw shoat.

If you want to make good you have to go through

A stiff course of kickin' before you will do.

So cut out your kickin' and turn off the bile

And jump in and hustle with a song and a smile."

(We believe you will like the above enough to keep collection of clips).

For the past summer it has been a long, long way to temporary relief.

WE WONDER IF LOAFING EVER BROUGHT IN THE DOUGH.

Making more meat, meal and molasses makes much more money move.